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STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE #12 (SO12)

(Conflict Reduced in Mindanao and Other Areas Vulnerable to Violence)



Cotabato City gears up for increased trade and investment

Metro Cotabato Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Pete Marquez (inset) highlighted the range of trade and investment opportunities available in Cotabato City during the recent Cotabato Business Conference, which was attended by over 200 local entrepreneurs, as well as representatives of government and nongovernmental organizations. The Metro Cotabato Chamber, which currently receives financial and technical assistance from the United States Agency for International Development's (USAID) Growth with Equity in Mindanao (GEM) Program, is at the forefront of initiatives designed to create a more conducive business climate in the city.

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